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Podcasts in Education

A podcast is an audio or video net cast (streamed or non-streamed) while a vodcast is a video podcast. In classrooms, the teacher will find podcast or vodcast episodes for students to listen to or watch. One benefit about podcasting in education is that this medium encourages teachers and young students to work together to accomplish the task of creating a podcast. Teamwork is essential and by learning from an early age about working together as a team, young children will have an advantage when they grow older. Another benefit about using podcasts is that you can use multiple learning styles in a particular arrangement. It is a known fact that everybody learns differently. Teachers can combine all types of learning styles into one format, this helps to teach a wider range of students. Another is that it is teaching children skills that they are going to need later on in life. At the rate our country is growing in terms of technology, children are going to need to learn all of these skills in order to compete in the world. By teaching children these skills, they can build on these basic skills. Using podcasting also helps to engage children in active learning. By using podcasts, children can actually be involved in creating the podcasts or they can interact with the podcasts. Either way can create a fun learning environment. Podcasting is a great way to deliver lectures on almost anything. Podcasting is also a good tool to help develop children's critical analysis and reflection skills. With podcasting, educators can deliver more in depth content then they can by simply giving lectures or showing slides. With podcasts you can have the children interact; include sound effects or music to help enhance the learning experience. Another important benefit to using podcasts is that children can enhance their creative skills. By letting them use podcasts children can add elements to their oral reports that were not possible before.